



FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Hong Kong Bureau -- January 1985

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

For the second consecutive month the bureau set a new monthly production record, again surpassing the one million words benchmark. Publishable wordage in December was 1,000,530, but January output shot well ahead of that figure: 1,134,070.

This record-breaking effort was due in part to faster receipt time on several major journals (we were processing four issues of HONGQI at one time) and the receipt of other papers and journals not previously obtainable by subscription. Through arrangements with our Beijing contractor, copies of HONGQI, LIAOWANG, GUOJI WENTI YANJIU, and SHIJIE ZHISHI are being purchased off the newsstands as soon as they are available and pouched immediately to us. So far this has cut the receipt time from about 3 weeks to 7-10 days after publication. We are trying to get BANYUETAN through the same arrangement. Beginning in January we also started receiving, among others, CHANGJIANG RIBAO (Wuhan), CHONGQING RIBAO (Sichuan), NONGMIN RIBAO (the Peasant's Daily), and FAZHI BAO, the mouthpiece of the central legal authorities. One major event which upped our wordage was the 50th anniversary of the Zunyi Conference. The media carried many items in connection with this historic meeting, including one 32-take piece from HONGQI.

The bureau's coverage of the Hong Kong AFP service also contributed to the record wordage, with output surpassing 72,000.

B. Lateral Services

1. The bureau has reduced its file to the American Consulate in Guangzhou, at their request. Consulate political officer Roberta Chew visited the bureau on 7 January for a briefing and discussion of our file. She said their circuit could no longer cope with all the FBIS traffic, as much as they would like to continue receiving it. It was agreed to reduce the file to items from nearby provinces of interest to the Consulate, Hong Kong press items on those provinces, and some select items from the major central press. Okinawa Bureau was also notified of the request to cut down on the file. In followup correspondence last week, Ms. Chew advised that the reduced file had greatly eased their communications problem and that they might be able to receive some additional types of materials.

2. At the personal request of Sharon Horton, head of the U.S. Trade and Development Corporation/Asia Region, assigned to the Consulate, the bureau translated into Chinese the text of an agreement between TDC and the Government of Shenzhen Special Economic Zone. Ms. Horton had learned only late in the afternoon of the 31st that the Shenshen Government wanted the agreement in Chinese, and the signing ceremony was the following morning. Senior monitor Francis Ng produced the document in beautiful calligraphy.

3. The bureau chief received a letter from the Consulate Economics Section commending the bureau in general, and senior editor [] specifically. [] was praised for his quick assistance in tracing down requested articles on PRC economic reform. The letter expressed appreciation for the "invaluable support" the bureau provided through its "voluminous and accurate translations of the Chinese press" and its "cooperative and professional on-the-spot responses to nebulous requests."

C. Technical

The bureau's microwave antenna--whose communications path with Mt. Butler was threatened by a new 55-story building in Wanchai-- was relocated on 18 January at the opposite end of the 14th floor, in the area which had been our communications room. While the in-house relocation solves our immediate problem, efforts to come up with a more secure communications link to Mt. Butler continued during the month. The bureau chief and senior technician Yeung held further talks with representatives of Hong Kong Telephone Co. They have promised to let us know by late March what kind of a system they could provide for us and its cost. (See also Buildings and Grounds)

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Monitor [] gave notice on 25 January of his intent to resign effective 2 March. As the bureau is presently one over monitorial T/O, we do not intend to replace him for the time being.

2. [] an applicant for our teletype operator vacancy, received medical and security clearances and is expected to EOD in late February.

3. The Consulate has advised that the annual review of local employee pay scales will be more extensive this year. The annual review includes a study of pay scales for workers doing comparable work in private industry and local government. The review this year will involve a greater number of firms and a more concerted effort to match up types of work when comparing pay. The notice seemed to acknowledge that pay increases in private industry in 1984 had greatly exceeded those approved by the State Department.

B. Buildings and Grounds

All renovation work undertaken in late November to relocate the bureau's communications room and microwave antenna was completed by the end of the month. After relocation of the communications room in late December, the old commo area (excluding the space which now houses the microwave antenna) was converted into an employee dining area.

III. VISITS

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A. [redacted] visited the bureau on 3 January during a private visit to Hong Kong. This was her second visit to the bureau since taking over the job [redacted] and it allowed us to tie up some loose ends on arrangements we had made with her to procure publications.

B. [redacted] were in town the first week of January. While [redacted] did not visit the bureau (having seen it during his last visit here), some official matters did get discussed during a New Year's Day lunch at the bureau chief's residence, a dinner at the deputy chief's residence, and a trip to Stanley Market.

C. Barbara Schrage, chief of the Consulate Political Section, political officer Pat Delvecchio, and Roberta Chew from the Consulate in Guangzhou visited the bureau on 7 January for a briefing on FBIS and the bureau.

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D. [redacted] visited the bureau the afternoon of the 24th during an 8-hour layover en route to Australia.

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Bureau Chief

Attachments:

Monthly Production Report

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C/Bangkok

C/Okinawa

C/Seoul

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 1,134,070
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 97,210
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 1,442

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	KTM. 5,985	KTM. 10,140	ISSUES 240

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA			
BEIJING TELEVISION SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	2,520		
BEIJING CITY SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	860		
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN			
Tagalog	2,650		
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	13,050		
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	12,840		
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	9,720		
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	10,490		
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	10,670		
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	6,120		
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	6,130		
LAHAO YIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	6,890		
NANKING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	8,890		
SHIJIAZHUANG HEBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	6,350		
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	7,080		
TIJIAN CITY SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	0		
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	9,930		
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	10,320		
XIN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	5,190		
XINJIANG UIGHUR PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	7,620		
YINCHUAN NINGXIA REGIONAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	0		
ZHANGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN			
MANDARIN	16,700		
BEIJING HIN HONG KONG SERVICE IN			
CHINESE		7,450	
BEIJING ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN			
CHINESE	25,100		
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN			
CHINESE		0	
BEIJING BAOBAO WENXUE IN			
CHINESE		0	
BEIJING BEIJING REVIEW IN			
ENGLISH		9,910	
BEIJING BEIJING RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		1,820	
BEIJING BEIJING WANDAO IN			
CHINESE		0	
BEIJING BUILDING SOCIALISM WITH CHINESE CHARACTERISTIC IN			
CHINESE		15,710	
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN			
ENGLISH		28,800	
BEIJING CHANGSHI ZHOUBAO IN			
CHINESE		500	
BEIJING CHONGQIN RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		6,570	
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		69,040	
BEIJING GUOTI WENTI YANJIU IN			
CHINESE		0	
BEIJING HONGYI IN			
CHINESE		157,850	
BEIJING HUANGDI IN			
CHINESE		0	
BEIJING JIUFANGJUN WENTI IN			
CHINESE		0	
BEIJING JINGDI GUNLIT IN			
CHINESE		33,130	
BEIJING JINGDI RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		37,230	
BEIJING JINGDIYUE ZHOUKAN IN			
CHINESE		960	
BEIJING JINGDI YANJIU IN			
CHINESE		65,510	
BEIJING LIANGHONG IN			
CHINESE		9,580	
BEIJING LIANG YANJIU IN			
CHINESE		0	
BEIJING MINGHONG RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		10,630	
BEIJING MINGHONG RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		132,700	
BEIJING SHIJI JINGDI IN			
CHINESE		8,860	
BEIJING SHIJI LIANG IN			
CHINESE		0	
BEIJING SHIJI ZHISHI IN			
CHINESE		3,990	
BEIJING "XUE PINLUN IN			
CHINESE		0	
BEIJING XUEYI BAO IN			
CHINESE		0	
BEIJING XINZHAI BAO IN			
CHINESE		640	
BEIJING XINZHAI ZHONGGUO IN			
CHINESE		6,990	
BEIJING ZHOUYI YANJIU IN			
CHINESE		0	
BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN			
CHINESE		0	
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGHONG BAO IN			
CHINESE		1,520	
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		0	
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		780	
FUCHOU ZHONGGUO JINGDI WENTI IN			
CHINESE		0	
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		11,610	
GUANGZHOU HANGFANG RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		6,270	
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANDAO IN			
CHINESE		6,120	
HEFEI SHANG RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		4,820	
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		6,630	
KUNMING YUNNAN SHIJIANG ZHANKHAN IN			
CHINESE		0	
SHANGHAI SHIJI JINGDI DROBRO IN			
CHINESE		6,010	
SHIJIAZHUANG HEBEI RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		11,060	
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		5,190	
TIJIAN TIJIAN RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		0	
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		0	
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		2,950	
XIN SHANXI RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		850	
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN			
CHINESE		6,790	

HONG KONG	
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LTD IN	
ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCAST LIMITED IN	
ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN	
ENGLISH	340
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ENGLISH	160
HONG KONG AFP IN	
ENGLISH	72,720
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN	
ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN	
CHINESE	2,340
HONG KONG CHIU-SHIH NIENTAI IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN	
CHINESE	3,540
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN	
ENGLISH	2,480
HONG KONG HONG KONG STANDARD IN	
ENGLISH	2,070
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN	
CHINESE	3,470
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG MING PAO IN	
CHINESE	4,370
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN	
ENGLISH	22,200
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN	
CHINESE	5,180
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN	
ENGLISH	4,170
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN	
CHINESE	9,380

NEW ZEALAND
WELLINGTON OVERSEAS SERVICE IN
ENGLISH

810

PHILIPPINES	
DAWUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN	
TAGALOG	830
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN	
ENGLISH	10,390
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN	
TAGALOG	1,760
MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN	
TAGALOG	4,610
QUEZON CITY MAHARLIKA BROADCASTING SYSTEM IN	
ENGLISH	10,560
QUEZON CITY MAHARLIKA BROADCASTING SYSTEM IN	
TAGALOG	340
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN	
ENGLISH	7,080
DAVAO CITY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN	
ENGLISH	660
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN	
ENGLISH	5,950
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	1,060
MANILA BULLETIN TODAY IN	
ENGLISH	25,070
MANILA BUSINESS DAY IN	
ENGLISH	50,060
MANILA METRO MANILA TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	5,960
MANILA TIMES JOURNAL IN	
ENGLISH	6,150
QUEZON CITY ANG PANAYAGANG MALAYA IN	
ENGLISH	9,240
QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN	
ENGLISH	2,670